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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Glenna C. Burner, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/292,758

Filed: April 14, 1999

For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
AND PROTEINS ASSOCIATED WITH
AGING

Examiner: B. Sisson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 5, 2000, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-3, 6-11, 13, 14, 29-33, 38, 39, 55, 56, 62 and 63, drawn to nucleic acid sequences.

The foregoing election is made with traverse as the nine groups set out by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-IX would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-72 together.



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If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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